(d) if so, by when such Commissions are likely to be formed by the remaining States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) As per the reports received from the State Governments/UTs, Vigilance Committees, as required under Sec. 13 of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 have been constituted both at District and Sub-Divisional levels for identification, release and rehabilitation of bonded labourers.

Illegal Indian migrants abroad

3447. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of illegal Indian migrants abroad;

(b) whether there is no law to check this illegal emigration;

(c) if so, the details of the law; and

(d) the number of persons who have been brought so far to book under this law?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) As per the latest information available with the Government, there are about 4765 illegal migrants abroad.

(b) to (d) The Emigration Act, 1983, regulates the migration of Indian workers abroad. Section 24 and 25 of the Act provide for imposition of penalties for violation of the provisions of the Act. Since 1997, the Central Government have issued sanction for prosecution in respect of 59 (fifty-nine) persons under the Emigration Act, 1983.

Accuracy of statistics on Child Labour

3448. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the statistics of Child Labour of various Government agencies *i.e.* Economic Survey of India, Planning Commission and National Sample Survey are not correct and accurate and differ from one another;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/policy adopted to eliminate Child Labour from the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) Authentic information on Child Labour is generated during the decennial census which is a head count as against sample surveyes. As per the 1991 Census, the total number of working children in the country is 11.28 million.

(c) Government has a National Policy on Child Labour which contains on action plan for dealing with the problem of Child Labour. It envisages:

— A legislation action plan,

— Focusing of general development programmes for benefiting children wherever possible, and

— Project-based action plans in areas of high concentration of child labour engaged in wage/quasi-wage employment.

Government of India has been implementing two schemes for the welfare and rehabilitation of child labourers namely, the Scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) and the Scheme of Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organisation. Under the scheme of NCLP, so far 100 projects have been sanctioned in child labour endemic states for the benefit of about 2.10 lakh children withdrawn from work.

Government is committed to the goal of eradication of child labour in all its forms beginning with children working in hazardous occupations.

P.M.'s assurance to create jobs

3449. SHRI CO. POULOSE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employment in organised sector which was on increase since 1990 till 1997 when it was 281.5 million has come down to 281.2 million in 1999.

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Prime Minister has been assuring to create jobs but the pattern shows the higher the education level, the greater the chance of being unemployed;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and